The Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) is pleased to announce that effective May 29, 2012, an additional \$1.25 Million has been allocated for the DDA Low Intensity Support Services (LISS) program. These funds are available on a first-come, first-serve basis for eligible people until June 30, 2012 or until all funds are allocated.

Low Intensity Support Services (LISS) are support services established under Maryland Health-General Article §7-717. The program is designed to enable a family to provide for the needs of a child or an adult with developmental disabilities living in the home or to support an adult with developmental disabilities living in the community. The LISS program is flexible to meet the needs of people or families.

People eligible for the DDA's Service of Short Duration (SSD) funding shall have their needs addressed under the Waiting List Initiative and not through LISS. The LISS agencies are also able to assist with requests under SSD. Please share this information with your contacts, people with developmental disabilities, and families.

Additional information about the LISS program is available on the DDA website at: http://dda.dhmh.maryland.gov/SitePages/liss.aspx

LISS Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) at: http://dda.dhmh.maryland.gov/SitePages/LISS/LISSFAQ6-30-11.pdf

LISS Request Form at: http://dda.dhmh.maryland.gov/SitePages/LISS/LISSRequestForm.pdf

Thank you to everyone that has written or called to share your concerns, thoughts, ideas, and experiences with me. Please continue to share your concerns, thoughts, ideas, and experiences with me by contacting my special assistant, Kim Bennardi, at 410-767-5997, or by sending an e-mail to DDA
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Frank Kirkland, Director